

Milford Recreation Commission

September 11, 2013

Attendees:

Walter Smith

Claudia Lemaire

Nicole Banks

Heather Romeri

Tim Finan

Joan Dargie

Scott Hembrow

Minutes:

Walter makes a motion to approve the minutes, Scott seconds and a unanimous vote was made.

Appointments:

Gretchen Dunn (Keyes Pool Manager) - Gretchen reports the pool participation statistics from the summer season; this includes lessons, passes, lifeguard courses, etc.... There was excellent participation this year and the new awning over the baby pool has provided comfort to parents with small children allowing partial shade in the kiddie pool swimming area.

There is always room for improvements in the pool area to allow for more participation and enjoyment of the facility. There is the possibility of incorporating a pool slide for the "baby pool" and the "large pool". The slide for the baby pool would be small and submerged in the water for safety, yet permanently anchored. It will be monitored by the lifeguards on duty. The slide for the large pool would meet all safety requirements for insurance purposes and opting to have a possible "tube slide" to limit exposure to falling injuries. The cost of both slides would be around \$32,000. This does not cover installation costs. The total cost for both slides with the installation would be around \$40,000. There is a possibility of fundraising most of the funds to support this project but we should also consider using some of the revenue from swim lessons and passes to put "back into" the pool. Another option is to put forth a warrant article to pay for part of the costs.

Keyes Field Pergola- There is a brief discussion regarding table specifications for a new pergola that is being installed at Keyes Field. Landscape architect Jerry Guthrie is planning this project. There is a brick fundraiser to help contribute to the costs of this project. Each brick would be engraved for the cost of \$50.00 and displayed on the brick patio section of the pergola area at Keyes.

There is a potential project to acquire some land on 127 Elm Street. There has been a significant price reduction on the land. The land is adjacent to Keyes Field and would be a great asset to acquire this land by the town. There will be a meeting on Monday,

September 16th, to discuss possible funding options. Acquiring this land would help with additional parking to Keyes, especially during the Permatach clean-up project.

Shepard Park Ice Rink- The commission is waiting on building permits to begin phase three of the Shepard Park ice rink project. This project includes a "warming hut/larger storage shed". We are hoping that the building permit will come this week and the project will begin and be finished by the end of this October.

Softball Field Dedication – The new softball field will be named in memory of "Rob Carson, Jr.". He was the director of the co-ed softball league in Milford for the past fifteen years. The naming on the plaque will read "Robert (Bubba) Carson Jr. Memorial Field", on a granite plaque at the entrance to the new softball field at Kaley Park.

Director's Report-

Revolving Fund Budget:

Financial Report: Revolving fund balance is \$45,277.45

Scholarships 2013: 2,473.00

State Swim Meet: Event deficit (\$1708.44; Profit after fundraising \$4,539.91)

Programs:

The fall recreation guide is available to the public both in written and electronic form.

New Business:

Last month the commission went into non-public session during the meeting. A hand-out was passed out to commission members regarding how to legally operate a non-public session successfully.

There will be a review of the "Brox Master Plan". Walter, commission leader will attend this meeting.

Joan and Heather would like to host a "Zombie Walk" as a fundraiser. There would be prizes and people would register to walk in the event. The event would be on the Saturday night of Pumpkin Festival on the Community House lawn.

Joan makes a motion to adjourn at 8:25 PM, Scott seconds, and a unanimous vote was made.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Claudia Lemaire- (Secretary) Board of Recreation